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SERIAL NO: 09/800,524  
FILED: March 8, 2001  
FOR: DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT DEVICE, DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT METHOD, PROGRAM  
STORAGE MEDIUM AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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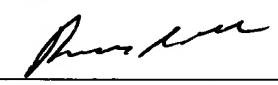
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In response to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2004, Applicants in the above-identified application respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth therein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.